

## **LARS VICTOR LARSON.**

### **Biography from the Lehi Centennial History**

Lars Victor Larson, son of Lars Larson and Stena Katherine Anderson, was born in Orebro, Sweden, July 24, 1857. Until 14 years of age he lived on a farm with his parents, when he was apprenticed to a shoemaker, remaining with him for three years.

In August, 1877, he joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In 1880, he was ordained an elder and spent two years in missionary work on the island of Gotland.

In 1882, he emigrated to Utah, locating in Salt Lake City, where he was married to Hilda Cristin Soderlund, by whom he had nine children, five boys and four girls. He lived in Salt Lake City but a short time, when he moved to Lehi, where he has lived for twenty-five years, engaged in shoemaking with occasional trips in the mountains prospecting for the precious metals. He was one of the first to build a home on what was known for many years as the "Big Pasture" south-east of Lehi, making a garden spot of what was formerly considered land too salty for anything but grazing purposes.

Since the people divided on national party lines he has been active in politics, speaking his views on economic questions at all times freely and fearlessly. He is an industrious and energetic citizen.